

*In the Specification*

**Please amend paragraph 30 of the specification as follows:**

[0030] A deposit containing a human 68772 cDNA has been deposited with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), ~~12301 Park Lawn Drive, Rockville, Md. 20852~~ located at 10801 University Boulevard, Panassas, VA 20110-2209, USA, on May 28, 1997, and assigned ATCC Deposit Number ATCC 98438. The deposited material (clone) is SOLR containing UniZap (Stratagene, La Jolla, Calif.) that further contains the full length 68772 cDNA, referred to as "Human pelota cDNA clone from a human T-cell library, ATG-1030" upon deposit. The cDNA insert is within Eco RI, Xho I site(s) in the vector. The nucleotide sequence of the polynucleotides contained in the deposited material, as well as the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded thereby, are controlling in the event of any conflict with any description of sequences herein.

**Please amend paragraph 42 of the specification as follows:**

[0042] In one embodiment, to obtain a polynucleotide encoding 68772 polypeptide comprises the steps of screening an appropriate library under stringent hybridization conditions with a labeled probe having 15 the SEQ ID NO: 1 or a fragment thereof; and isolating full-length cDNA and genomic clones containing said polynucleotide sequence. Thus in another aspect, 68772 polynucleotides of the present invention further include a nucleotide sequence comprising a nucleotide sequence that hybridize under stringent condition to a nucleotide sequence having SEQ ID NO: 1 or a fragment thereof. Also included with 68772 polypeptides are polypeptide comprising amino acid sequence encoded by nucleotide sequence obtained by the above hybridization condition. Such hybridization techniques are well known to those of skill in the art. Stringent hybridization conditions are as defined above or, alternatively, conditions under overnight incubation at 42.degree. C. in a solution comprising: 50 % formamide, 5.times.SSC (~~450~~ 750 mM NaCl, ~~45~~ 75 mM trisodium citrate), 50 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.6), 5.times.Denhardt's solution, 10% dextran sulfate, and 20 microgram/ml denatured, sheared salmon sperm DNA, followed by washing the filters in 0.1.times.SSC at about 65.degree. C.